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Serial No.: 09/749,940)
) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: December 29, 2000)
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING A COMPONENT-BASED SYSTEM

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Also enclosed is an executed Assignment document and Assignment Recordation cover sheet. The Assignment Recordation fee of \$40.00 is included in the attached check.

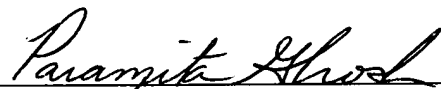
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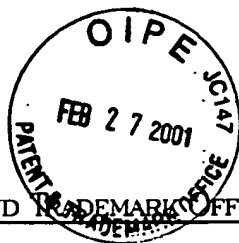
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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